

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. After the indication of the amendments to the claims, a complete and clean copy of all claims is provided in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

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1. (AMENDED) A process for manufacturing laminated polymeric optical elements comprising:

- a) applying to at least one surface of a first polymeric optical element a first solvent-soluble or first solvent dispersible film, wherein said first polymeric optical element is not soluble in said first solvent;
- b) removing said film from said first polymeric optical element by contacting the film with said first solvent which dissolves or disperses said film; and
- c) laminating said first polymeric optical element to a second polymeric optical element to form a laminated polymeric optical element.

2. (AMENDED) ~~The~~ process of claim 1 wherein said first polymeric optical element and said second polymeric optical element [comprise] are wafer components for an ophthalmic lens.

3. (AMENDED) The process of claim 1 wherein said first solvent [comprises] is water or an aqueous liquid.

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4. (AMENDED) The process of claim 2 wherein said first solvent [comprises] is water or an aqueous liquid.

5. The process of claim 1 wherein said film is applied to said first polymeric optical element by applying a liquid coating composition to said at least one surface and then drying said coating composition to form said film.

6. The process of claim 2 wherein said film is applied to said first polymeric optical element by applying a liquid coating composition to said at least one surface and then drying said coating composition to form said film.

7. The process of claim 4 wherein said film is applied to said first polymeric optical element by applying a liquid coating composition to said at least one surface and then drying said coating composition to form said film.

8. (AMENDED) The process of claim 2 comprising:

a) applying to at least one surface of a first polymeric optical element and a second polymeric optical element a first solvent-soluble or first solvent dispersible film, wherein said first polymeric optical element and said second polymeric optical element are not soluble in said first solvent;

b) removing said film from said first polymeric optical element and said second polymeric optical element by contacting the film with said first solvent which dissolves or disperses said film; and

c) laminating said first polymeric optical element to said second polymeric optical element to form a laminated polymeric optical element.

9. (AMENDED) The process of claim 2 wherein said [polymeric coating composition is selected from compositions comprising polymers] film comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, polyurethane polymers, poly vinyl resins, and cellulose based polymers.

10. The process of claim 2 wherein said [polymeric coating composition] film comprises a polymer having an acid value ≤ 100 .

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11. (AMENDED) The process of claim 10 wherein said polymer [comprises] is an acrylic or polyester polymer.

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12. (AMENDED) The process of claim 8 wherein said [polymeric coating composition is selected from compositions comprising polymers] film comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, polyurethane polymers, poly vinyl resins, and cellulose based polymers.

13. (AMENDED) The process of claim 8 wherein said [polymeric coating composition] film comprises a polymer having an acid value ≥ 100 .

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14. (AMENDED) The process of claim 13 wherein said polymer [comprises] is an acrylic or polyester polymer.

15. (AMENDED) The process of claim 1 wherein said first solvent-soluble or solvent dispersible film is applied to said [lens] first polymeric optical element from a solution or dispersion in a coating solvent.

16. The process of claim 15 wherein said first solvent is different from said coating solvent.

21. The process of claim 2 wherein at least one of said wafer components for an ophthalmic lens has a surface feature on a major surface of a wafer component, said surface feature being selected from the group consisting of tabs, grooves, notches, and recessed power segments.

Please cancel the non-elected claims ~~17-20~~ without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

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1. A process for manufacturing laminated polymeric optical elements comprising:
 - a) applying to at least one surface of a first polymeric optical element a first solvent-soluble or first solvent dispersible film, wherein said first polymeric optical element is not soluble in said first solvent;
 - b) removing said film from said first polymeric optical element by contacting the film with said first solvent which dissolves or disperses said film; and
 - c) laminating said first polymeric optical element to a second polymeric optical element to form a laminated polymeric optical element.
2. The process of claim 1 wherein said first polymeric optical element and said second polymeric optical element are wafer components for an ophthalmic lens.
3. The process of claim 1 wherein said first solvent is water or an aqueous liquid.
4. The process of claim 2 wherein said first solvent is water or an aqueous liquid.
5. The process of claim 1 wherein said film is applied to said first polymeric optical element by applying a liquid coating composition to said at least one surface and then drying said coating composition to form said film.
6. The process of claim 2 wherein said film is applied to said first polymeric optical element by applying a liquid coating composition to said at least one surface and then drying said coating composition to form said film.

7. The process of claim 4 wherein said film is applied to said first polymeric optical element by applying a liquid coating composition to said at least one surface and then drying said coating composition to form said film.

8. The process of claim 2 comprising:

a) applying to at least one surface of a first polymeric optical element and a second polymeric optical element a first solvent-soluble or first solvent dispersible film, wherein said first polymeric optical element and said second polymeric optical element are not soluble in said first solvent;

b) removing said film from said first polymeric optical element and said second polymeric optical element by contacting the film with said first solvent which dissolves or disperses said film; and

c) laminating said first polymeric optical element to said second polymeric optical element to form a laminated polymeric optical element.

9. The process of claim 2 wherein said film comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, polyurethane polymers, poly vinyl resins, and cellulose based polymers.

10. The process of claim 2 wherein said [polymeric coating composition] film comprises a polymer having an acid value ≥ 100 .

11. The process of claim 10 wherein said polymer is an acrylic or polyester polymer.

12. The process of claim 8 wherein said film comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, polyurethane polymers, poly vinyl resins, and cellulose based polymers.

13. The process of claim 8 wherein said film comprises a polymer having an acid value \geq 100.
14. The process of claim 13 wherein said polymer is an acrylic or polyester polymer.
15. The process of claim 1 wherein said first solvent-soluble or solvent dispersible film is applied to said first polymeric optical element from a solution or dispersion in a coating solvent.
16. The process of claim 15 wherein said first solvent is different from said coating solvent.
17. A polymeric ophthalmic lens blank having a polymeric coating on at least both major lens surfaces, said polymeric coating being solvent-soluble or solvent dispersible in a first solvent that will not dissolve or etch the polymeric ophthalmic lens blank.
18. The lens blank of claim 17 wherein said lens blank comprises a polycarbonate resin and said first solvent comprises an aqueous solution.
19. The lens blank of claim 18 wherein said aqueous solution comprises an aqueous solution at a pH between 8.0 and 12.0.
20. The lens blank of claim 18 wherein said aqueous solution is water.
21. The process of claim 2 wherein at least one of said wafer components for an ophthalmic lens has a surface feature on a major surface of a wafer component, said surface feature being selected from the group consisting of tabs, grooves, notches, and recessed power segments.